

MINUTES OF THE
MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
July 12, 2006
MAG Office Building - Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Horatio Skeete for Ed Beasley, Glendale, Chair	Mark Johnson, Guadalupe
Jan Dolan, Scottsdale, Vice Chair	* Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park
# Janine Solley for George Hoffman, Apache Junction	Jim Huling for Christopher Brady, Mesa
Charlie McClendon, Avondale	* Tom Martinsen, Paradise Valley
Steve Borst for Carroll Reynolds, Buckeye	* Terry Ellis, Peoria
* Jon Pearson, Carefree	Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix
* Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek	John Kross, Queen Creek
Pat McDermott, Chandler	* Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Mark Fooks for B.J. Cornwall, El Mirage	Jim Rumpeltes, Surprise
Alfonso Rodriguez for Orlando Moreno, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	Amber Wakeman for Will Manley, Tempe
# Tim Pickering, Fountain Hills	* Reyes Medrano, Tolleson
* Lynn Farmer, Gila Bend	Shane Dille, Wickenburg
Joseph Manuel, Gila River Indian Community	Vince Micallef, Youngtown
George Pettit, Gilbert	Sam Elters for Victor Mendez, ADOT
Stephen Cleveland, Goodyear	Mike Ellegood for David Smith, Maricopa County
	David Boggs, Valley Metro/RPTA

* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

Participated by telephone conference call.

+ Participated by videoconference call.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Jan Dolan at 12:08 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Vice Chair Dolan announced that Tim Pickering, Fountain Hills, and Janine Solley, Apache Junction, were attending the meeting via teleconference.

Vice Chair Dolan stated that transit tickets were available from Valley Metro/RPTA for those using transit to come to the meeting. Parking validation was available from MAG staff for those who parked in the parking garage.

Vice Chair Dolan noted materials at each place: For agenda item #4D, Errata Sheet 07-8; for agenda item #4H, copies of public comment letters received; and for agenda item #6, two maps that were produced to assist with heat relief planning efforts.

3. Call to the Audience

Vice Chair Dolan stated that Call to the Audience provides an opportunity to the public to address the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Vice Chair Dolan noted that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard. Public comments have a three minute time limit and there is a timer to help the public with their presentations. Vice Chair Dolan stated that for members of the audience who wish to speak, comment cards were available from the staff.

Vice Chair Dolan recognized public comment from Joe Ryan of Sun City West, who said that 50 years ago, people moved to the Valley because the air here helped their breathing problems. Now the air quality here is bad due to traffic congestion. Mr. Ryan spoke about MAG being designated by the Governor as the planning agency for Maricopa County and is responsible for what we have. Mr. Ryan stated that traffic has worsened over the past 13 years, especially at intersections. He said he has been told that MAG does not give enough money toward intersection improvements. Mr. Ryan stated that he has come before the Committee with suggestions that have never been put on the agenda. He commented that CTOC does not carry forward suggestions to MAG so that they can be agendized. Mr. Ryan stated that his comments for the Consent Agenda items were highly technical and he wanted to comment on them. Mr. Ryan asked Vice Chair Dolan how she would like to handle this. Vice Chair Dolan replied that Mr. Ryan could speak at the opportunity for public comment provided for the Consent Agenda.

5. FY 2006 MAG Final Phase Public Input Opportunity

This agenda item was taken out of order.

Jason Stephens, MAG Public Involvement Planner, provided a report on the Final Phase input opportunity, which gives members of the public a final opportunity to provide comment on MAG transportation plans and programs. Mr. Stephens stated that MAG conducts a four-phase process that includes Early Phase, Mid-Phase, Final Phase and Continuous Involvement. He stated that as part of this Final Phase input opportunity, MAG co-sponsored several public input opportunities in May and June 2006 with the Arizona Department of Transportation, Valley Metro and Valley Metro Rail. Mr. Stephens stated that a Final Phase Transportation Open House and Public Hearing was held June 15, 2006 to provide information and receive comment on the Draft FY 2007-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Regional Transportation Plan - 2006 Update and Draft 2006 MAG Conformity Analysis. Mr. Stephens reviewed some

of the questions and comments received during these input opportunities. He added that staff responses to the questions and comments are included in the FY 2006 Final Phase Input Opportunity Report. Vice Chair Dolan thanked Mr. Stephens for his report. No comments from the Committee were noted.

Mr. Ellegood moved to recommend acceptance of the Draft FY 2006 MAG Final Phase Public Input Opportunity Report. Mr. Pettit seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

Vice Chair Dolan stated that public comment would be heard before action was taken on the consent items. Each speaker is provided with a total of three minutes to comment on the consent agenda. After hearing public comments, any member of the Committee can request that an item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually. Vice Chair Dolan stated that agenda items #4A, #4B, #4C, #4D, #4E, #4F, #4G, #4H, #4I, #4J, and #4K were on the consent agenda. There were no requests to hear an item individually.

Vice Chair Dolan recognized public comment from Bryan O'Reilly from Sierra Negra Ranch on agenda item #4H, the Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Balterra Wastewater Treatment Facility. He said that the firm had submitted a letter of comment on this agenda item. Mr. O'Reilly said that discussion at the June 27, 2006 MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee meeting and public hearing on what to do with two competing 208 plan amendments was ignored. He stated that his question was what happens when there are competing 208 plan amendments. Mr. O'Reilly added that the answer was: we do not know, but maybe we can approve both of them. He asked if the Committee approves or consents to the Draft Balterra 208 Plan Amendment, will or could Balterra become their sewer provider without their consent. He stated that approval of the Draft Balterra 208 Plan Amendment would be detrimental since service has been requested from another, fully integrated utility. Mr. O'Reilly stated his firm opposes Balterra including their property in the Balterra plan. He said that time and money have been invested in creating a truly regional and integrated solution with a nondeveloper owned utility. Mr. O'Reilly stated that they too were given the task to create a regional plan as part of their development master plan submittals. Since their plan is a few months behind they might not have the opportunity to develop an integrated solution that could best serve the future residents of the West Valley. He indicated that he would like to know whether two 208 plan amendments can be approved and whether the Committee would table the Draft Balterra 208 Plan Amendment for consideration of both 208 plan amendments. Vice Chair Dolan noted the MAG process to approve 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendments. She explained that the jurisdiction in which the facility would be located brings forward the request which is considered through the MAG committee process. Vice Chair Dolan noted Maricopa County has brought forward the Draft Balterra 208 Plan Amendment. She thanked Mr. O'Reilly for his comments.

Vice Chair Dolan asked Committee members if they requested that this item be pulled from the Consent Agenda. No requests were noted.

Vice Chair Dolan recognized public comment from Mr. Ryan, who disagreed with the amount of time granted for public comment on the Consent Agenda. Vice Chair Dolan explained

MAG's public comment process to Mr. Ryan. Mr. Ryan said that federal guidelines say that a citizen can speak. He said that he did not know of any organization that can override the federal government. Mr. Ryan stated that he would speak three minutes on agenda item #5B. He stated that the trolley was approved under false pretenses. Mr. Ryan stated that the only way to improve traffic congestion is to get traffic off. He said that John Shaw, an engineer, said that Valtrans made no sense. He added that Mr. Shaw developed an option for rapid transit that was less costly. Mr. Ryan stated that he did not understand why no one wants to hear about Mr. Shaw's solution. He then described Mr. Shaw's idea for a wide-bodied vehicle that would run along roadways ten feet apart. Mr. Ryan's time elapsed and Mr. Ryan requested that he be allowed additional time. Vice Chair Dolan said that there were other members of the public who wished to speak. She suggested that he could provide additional comments in writing.

Vice Chair Dolan recognized public comment on agenda item #4H, the Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Balterra Wastewater Treatment Facility, from Richard Jellies, representing two projects in the area of the Draft Balterra 208 Plan Amendment. He commented on the size of his projects and that both projects are bisected by I-10. Mr. Jellies stated that when the planning process was begun, they expressed that it was imperative to have one integrated provider and that the projects not be bisected. It was suggested to them to work with the water utility in order to integrate both water and sewer. Mr. Jellies commented on an agreement with a provider for integrated services for the entire property. Mr. Jellies asked if the Draft Balterra 208 Plan Amendment was approved against their objections, would they still have the right to obtain service from another provider and could another 208 plan amendment be approved over the Draft Balterra 208 Plan Amendment so they could have an integrated solution and have their entire property and the entire Tonopah Valley properly served. Vice Chair Dolan thanked Mr. Jellies for his comments.

Vice Chair Dolan recognized public comment on agenda item #4H, the Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Balterra Wastewater Treatment Facility, from Cindy Liles from Global Water Resources. She said that yesterday, Global Water Resources purchased West Maricopa Combine and its five utilities, three of which serve areas in the West Valley, and one of which serves 64 sections in Tonopah. Ms. Liles provided background on the Hassayampa Utilities Company 208 Plan Amendment. She stated that landowners within the service area for the Balterra Wastewater Treatment Facility would like to be served by Global Water Resources. Ms. Liles requested an opportunity to have Maricopa County review their plan before making a decision on the Draft Balterra 208 Plan Amendment. Ms. Liles stated that Global Water Resources has not received a support letter from Maricopa County. She commented that the Balterra project is a few months ahead of their project. Ms. Liles stated that with the acquisition of the West Maricopa Combine, Global Water Resources can integrate utilities. She requested that the County look at their plan as well before making a decision and for the landowners that would like Global Water Resources to serve water and wastewater for the same development. Vice Chair Dolan noted the MAG process to approve 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendments. She explained that the jurisdiction in which the facility would be located brings forward the request which is considered through the MAG committee process. She noted that Maricopa County has brought forward the Draft Balterra 208 Plan Amendment. Vice Chair Dolan thanked Ms. Liles for her comments.

Vice Chair Dolan recognized public comment on agenda item #4H, the Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Balterra Wastewater Treatment Facility, from Andrew Abraham from Burch & Cracchiolo, as counsel for Global Water Resources. He indicated that he personally closed the transaction yesterday for the purchase of West Maricopa Combine by Global Water Resources. Mr. Abraham stated that the goal is to provide utility integration. He indicated that he has a press release regarding the acquisition. Mr. Abraham requested that the Draft Balterra 208 Plan Amendment be pulled off the Consent Agenda and have a full hearing once MAG and Maricopa County have had an opportunity to look at the acquisition, what Global Water Resources can provide, and to provide not only the two developers who spoke today with logical integrated service, but to do the same for the entire County. Vice Chair Dolan thanked Mr. Abraham for his comments.

Vice Chair Dolan asked members if there were any requests to remove any of the Consent Agenda items #4A, #4B, #4C, #4D, #4E, #4F, #4G, #4H, #4I, #4J, and #4K. No requests were noted.

Mr. Ellegood moved to recommend approval of the Consent Agenda. Mr. Boggs seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

4A. Approval of June 14, 2006 Meeting Minutes

The Management Committee, by consent, approved the June 14, 2006 meeting minutes.

4B. Draft FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program Guidance Report

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended acceptance of the Draft FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP Guidance Report. MAG is starting the process to develop the FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program. This TIP is tentatively targeted for approval in July 2007. The first step in the TIP process is the distribution of the TIP Guidance Report (TGR), which has been developed to act as a guide to decision makers to facilitate programming of transportation projects in the region. Most of the technical information provided by the regional management systems on safety, bridge conditions, transit vehicle needs, intermodal projects, and congestion levels has been updated where appropriate. Information is also provided on air quality conditions, Title VI and Environmental Justice factors and congestion management strategies. The TGR also contains the application forms for MAG Federal funds and represents the formal request for projects for addition to the FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP. On June 29, 2006, the MAG Transportation Review Committee reviewed the TGR.

4C. Finding of Conformity for the Draft FY 2007-2011 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Draft Regional Transportation Plan - 2006 Update

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the Finding of Conformity for the Draft FY 2007-2011 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan - 2006 Update. The Draft 2006 Conformity Analysis concludes that the Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Draft Regional Transportation Plan - 2006 Update meet all applicable federal conformity requirements and are in conformance with applicable air quality plans. On June 15, 2006, a public hearing was conducted on the Draft

TIP, Draft Regional Transportation Plan - 2006 Update, and Draft Conformity Analysis. On June 29, 2006, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval of the Draft 2006 MAG Conformity Analysis for the Draft FY 2007-2011 MAG TIP and Draft 2006 Update. Approval of the conformity finding by the Regional Council is required for MAG adoption of the TIP and 2006 Update.

4D. Approval of the Draft FY 2007-2011 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the Draft FY 2007-2011 Transportation Improvement Program, together with the requested ADOT material cost increases, contingent upon a finding of conformity of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan - 2006 Update with applicable state and federal air quality implementation plans. Each year MAG updates the Five Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), primarily by adding a fifth year. All federally funded projects and regionally significant transportation projects (including city and privately funded projects) must be included in the Draft TIP for the purpose of meeting the air quality conformity analysis requirements. In April 2006, the Draft FY 2007-2011 TIP was approved by Regional Council to undergo this analysis, which is now complete. A copy of the necessary documents was made available prior to a public hearing scheduled earlier this month. Recent minor changes that do not affect the air quality conformity analysis on the Draft TIP are listed separately in the attached Errata Sheet 07-6, and on Errata Sheet 07-7. On June 29, 2006, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval, contingent upon a finding of air quality conformity.

4E. Approval of the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan - 2006 Update

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan - 2006 Update, contingent upon a finding of conformity of the RTP - 2006 Update and TIP with applicable state and federal air quality implementation plans. As part of the ongoing regional transportation planning process, a Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) - 2006 Update has been prepared. The Draft RTP - 2006 Update was approved by the Regional Council for air quality conformity analysis on April 26, 2006. The major new items in the 2006 Update are revised revenue estimates, and inclusion of the life cycle programs for freeways/highways, arterial streets, and transit. The errata sheets included with the Draft FY 2007-2011 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) agenda item also apply to the 2006 Update. A technical conformity analysis was performed on the Draft RTP - 2006 Update and Draft TIP and demonstrated that they meet all air quality conformity requirements. On June 15, 2006, a public hearing was conducted on the Draft RTP - 2006 Update, the Draft FY 2007-2011 TIP, and the Air Quality Conformity Analysis. On June 29, 2006, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the Draft 2006 Update, contingent upon a finding of air quality conformity.

4F. Federal Fiscal Year 2006 MAG Federal Funds Final Closeout and Amendment/Adjustments to the FY 2006-2010 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the final closeout of Federal FY 2006, and recommended amending/adjusting the FY 2006-2010 MAG TIP to allow the projects to proceed. On April 26, 2006, the MAG Regional Council approved the deferral

of 19 projects, totaling almost \$11.2 million, from FFY 2006 to 2007 and, on June 28, 2006, the Regional Council approved the deferral of two more projects for a combined total of \$12.1 million. At the same meeting, the Council approved a list of projects to utilize the funds available and two further contingency projects, totaling \$1.3 million for any additional, supplemental or redistributed Obligation Authority (OA) that may become available. Since that time, one additional project, totaling \$800,000 has requested to be deferred, which effectively reduced the list of contingency projects to only \$500,000. On June 29, 2006, the Transportation Review Committee recommended an additional list of projects for any further additional, supplemental or redistributed OA that may become available during the remaining months of the federal fiscal year.

4G. Enhancement Funds Working Group Round XIV Recommendations

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended that the ranked applications from the MAG Enhancement Funds Working Group be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Transportation for consideration by the State Transportation Enhancement Review Committee. The Enhancement Funds Working Group was formed by the MAG Regional Council in April of 1993 to review and recommend a ranked list of Enhancement Fund applications from this region to the State Transportation Enhancement Review Committee (TERC). This year, 14 enhancement fund applications for local funds were received totaling \$5,867,895 with approximately \$8 million available statewide. Two applications for state funds were received totaling \$1,132,494 with approximately \$4 million available statewide. The Working Group recommends that the attached ranked applications be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Transportation for consideration by the TERC.

4H. Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Balterra Wastewater Treatment Facility

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Balterra Wastewater Treatment Facility. Maricopa County has requested that MAG amend the 208 Water Quality Management Plan to include the Balterra Wastewater Treatment Facility with an ultimate capacity of 15 million gallons per day. Reclaimed water from the facility would be disposed of through reuse, recharge, and an Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit discharge to the adjacent wash (Section 30 of Township 2 North, Range 6 West, as identified in the Palo Verde Watershed Zone A Flood Delineation Study). The discharge point would be located along the northeast edge of the facility site, near the confluence of the adjacent wash and Winters Wash. A public hearing on the draft amendment was conducted on June 27, 2006. Following the hearing, the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee recommended approval of the Draft 208 Plan Amendment. Written comments, the public hearing transcript, and the response by Maricopa County to public comments were transmitted under a separate cover memorandum.

4I. Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the City of Surprise Special Planning Area 4 Regional Water Reclamation Facility

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the City of Surprise Special Planning Area 4

Regional Water Reclamation Facility. The City of Surprise has requested that MAG amend the 208 Water Quality Management Plan to include the Special Planning Area 4 Regional Water Reclamation Facility with an ultimate capacity of eight million gallons per day. Reclaimed water from the facility would be disposed of through reuse, recharge, and potential future Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit discharge points to the Agua Fria River or unnamed washes located south of the facility and west of the Agua Fria River (northwest quarter of Section 28 of Township 5 North, Range 2 West). The towns of Buckeye and Wickenburg, City of Peoria, and unincorporated Maricopa County are within three miles of the project, and all have indicated no objections. A public hearing on the draft amendment was conducted on June 27, 2006. Following the hearing, the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee unanimously recommended approval of the Draft 208 Plan Amendment.

4J. Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the City of Surprise Special Planning Area 5 Regional Water Reclamation Facility

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the City of Surprise Special Planning Area 5 Regional Water Reclamation Facility. The City of Surprise has requested that MAG amend the 208 Water Quality Management Plan to include the Special Planning Area 5 Regional Water Reclamation Facility with an ultimate capacity of eight million gallons per day. Reclaimed water from the facility would be disposed of through reuse, recharge, and potential future Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit discharge points to the Hassayampa River, Trilby Wash, or an unnamed wash east of the facility (southwest quarter of Section 36 of Township 5 North, Range 3 West). The towns of Buckeye and Wickenburg and unincorporated Maricopa County are within three miles of the project, and all have indicated no objections. A public hearing on the draft amendment was conducted on June 27, 2006. Following the hearing, the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee unanimously recommended approval of the Draft 208 Plan Amendment.

4K. 2005 Census Survey Update

The final results of the 2005 Census Survey for Maricopa County, Arizona, were transmitted to member agencies on June 26, 2006. These final population numbers will be used for the distribution of state shared revenues from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2011. The final numbers have also been transmitted to the Director of the Department of Revenue, the Director of the Department of Transportation and the State Treasurer. The final population numbers supersede the preliminary numbers transmitted in March. This item was on the agenda for information and discussion.

6. Heat Relief Planning

Brande Mead, MAG Human Services Planner, provided an update on heat relief efforts. Ms. Mead stated that more than 30 people, many of whom were elderly and homeless, died of heat-related causes in the MAG region in the summer of 2005. She stated that over the past year, many heat-relief efforts have been put in place to prevent people from dying this summer from heat-related illnesses. Ms. Mead spoke about the heat advisories issued by the National Weather Service. This year, heat emergency plans have been developed and the region is in a better

position to respond to these heat advisories. Ms. Mead expressed her appreciation to Phoenix City Councilmember Greg Stanton, to Maricopa County, the City of Phoenix, the Department of Health Services, and other cities that have put plans in place. She noted that the MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness developed two maps that show available resources and collection sites. Ms. Mead stated that the heat emergency plans are linked to the National Weather Service. She noted that there is a media campaign to increase awareness, in addition to a plan and brochure developed by the Department of Health Services. Vice Chair Dolan thanked Ms. Mead for her report.

Mr. Ellegood stated that County staff has been having water drive competitions. In addition, the City of Phoenix and some of the consulting firms have made donations.

Vice Chair Dolan commented that a number of cities have more resources in place than last year.

7. River of Trade Corridor Coalition

Matthew Clark, MAG Senior Policy Planner, introduced River of Trade Corridor Coalition (ROTCC) representatives Louis Hill and Jean Sides, who were participating by videoconference. Mr. Hill expressed his thanks on behalf of the ROTCC to MAG Regional Council Chair James Cavanaugh and MAG staff for meeting with the ROTCC Chair, Dallas, Texas City Councilman Bill Blaydes, and ROTCC representatives on June 16, 2006. At the meeting, they discussed the ROTCC's mission and history and invited MAG to become a member of the ROTCC. Mr. Hill stated the organization's goal is to examine ways to alleviate congestion while protecting and expanding the economic vitality of current roadways. Currently, the ROTCC includes more than 200 members spanning across nine states.

Mr. Hill displayed a map of the River of Trade corridor that starts at Interstate 10 in Long Beach and continues through Arizona to Phoenix and Tucson, then to Las Cruces, New Mexico before heading north at Dallas, Texas and ending in Ontario, Canada. Mr. Hill stated that ROTCC is currently a non-dues paying organization. He advised that ROTCC is attempting to facilitate dialogue on transportation issues to identify funding along the corridor. Mr. Hill spoke about legislative efforts, and mentioned meetings with Congressmen Kolbe and Pastor.

Mr. Hill stated that the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) recently developed the "National Strategy to Reduce Congestion on America's Transportation Networks." The National Strategy will focus the DOT's resources, funding, staff and technology to cut traffic jams and relieve freight bottlenecks along the nation's freeways and highways. The ROTCC plans to work with the Federal Government to have the River of Trade Corridor identified as one of the three to five major growth corridors that will be established as part of the National Strategy and have the trade corridor designated as a Congressional High Priority Transportation Corridor. Mr. Hill stated that the I-10 corridor through Arizona and New Mexico is currently not designated as a high priority corridor.

Mr. Hill stated that the ROTCC requests that MAG become a member, pass a resolution that the I-10 corridor through Arizona and New Mexico be designated a high priority corridor, contact the Congressional Delegation in Washington, DC, and attend the Ninth Transportation Summit

on August 11, 2006. Vice Chair Dolan thanked Mr. Hill and Ms. Sides for the report. She asked MAG staff if they had anything they would like to add.

Mr. Smith stated that the map displayed shows that the I-10 segment from Los Angeles to Phoenix to Texas needs to be designated a high priority corridor. He commented that the best strategy seemed to be gathering additional information. Mr. Smith stated that a representative from this region could be sent to the ROTCC's next quarterly meeting on August 11, 2006, in Irving, Texas. In addition, MAG could work with the Intergovernmental representatives to discuss the issues identified by the ROTCC with Arizona's state and federal legislators.

Vice Chair Dolan asked members if this was acceptable. No objections were noted. Vice Chair Dolan noted that no public comment cards had been turned in.

8. Arizona Centennial Celebration Update

John Driggs, former Mayor of the City of Phoenix, and representative of the Arizona Historical Advisory Commission, stated that in 2012, Arizona will celebrate its 100th anniversary of statehood. Mr. Driggs stated that the Commission has been meeting for one and one-half years to develop a centennial plan. He noted that when the Governor signed the budget, \$2.5 million was appropriated for the statewide plan and included an incentive match of \$5 million from sources other than the state. Mr. Driggs stated that he was designated to draft the plan and added that the Commission will meet July 18, 2006 and may start circulating the plan. He said that the Commission will alert local governments in planning the centennial. Mr. Driggs handed out packets of material on the plan. He said that the three cities bordering Papago Park, Phoenix, Scottsdale, and Tempe, have come up with a working agreement on the restoration and development of the park.

Mr. Driggs stated that as a part of the plan, within the next 30 to 60 days, the Commission will contact each mayor, councilmember, supervisor, and manager to provide a copy of the plan. He added that he will request a joint meeting with the mayor and manager of each jurisdiction in every county in the state. Mr. Driggs added that he envisioned working with the state Councils of Governments on the effort.

Mr. Driggs stated that he has communicated with those working on the State of Oklahoma centennial. He noted that they have been planning for their centennial next year for the past six or seven years. Mr. Driggs advised that Oklahoma Centennial has raised \$100 million and he commented that if Oklahoma can do it, Arizona can do it.

Mr. Driggs stated that the celebration will be a showcase of Arizona with an emphasis on the economic development and vitality of Arizona. He said that this will be the best centennial this country has had. Mr. Driggs commented that Arizona is the last state of the 48 contiguous states and it is appropriate that this be the best celebration. Mr. Driggs stated that planning needs to start now.

Mr. Driggs stated that Tovrea Castle is one piece of the plan. He advised that if the concept is approved, it could become a government protocol house on the history of Arizona. The site could function similar to the governor's mansion and entities could use it for special events.

Vice Chair Dolan thanked Mr. Driggs for his report. She expressed appreciation to Mr. Driggs for all of his hard work. Vice Chair Dolan stated that she looked forward to working with Mr. Driggs and the Commission on this exciting project.

Vice Chair Dolan granted Mr. Ryan's request to speak. Mr. Ryan spoke about the economy and freight. He stated that trucking is a high cost option because of traffic backups. Mr. Ryan commented that the MAG region is on the railroad spurs and there are speed and weight limits. He pointed out that if you look at the ROTCC map, if goods are shipped by freight or truck, they might not go through Phoenix. Mr. Ryan stated that grade level operations are dangerous and costly. Vice Chair Dolan thanked Mr. Ryan for his comments.

9. Legislative Update

Mr. Clark noted that the Legislature has adjourned and he provided an update on the budget highlights. Mr. Clark stated that the Statewide Transportation Acceleration Needs (STAN) account was created. The account is to be used for the acceleration of the construction or reconstruction of freeways, state highways, bridges, and interchanges that are included in the Regional Transportation Plan. Mr. Clark noted that the Maricopa County region will receive 60 percent of the \$307 million account, the Pima County area 16 percent, and the remainder of the state 24 percent. He explained that STAN monies may only be used for material and labor, acquisition of right-of-way for highway needs, design and other engineering services, and other directly related costs approved by the board. Mr. Clark stated that the legislation requires MAG to establish a process to review and approve transportation projects eligible to receive STAN funds. He explained that following approval of the projects, MAG will submit the list to the State Transportation Board for approval. Mr. Clark noted that approval of the list must be on the agenda of the next Board meeting. Mr. Clark noted that funds in the STAN account will be used to supplement, not supplant, current funding. He added that MAG would be required to report on or before Dec. 15th to the House and Senate Transportation Committees on approved projects and the money spent on these projects. Mr. Clark noted the HURF repayment of \$62 million to the STAN account. Mr. Clark stated that HCR 2001 was signed by the Governor. This would place a measure on the ballot that would allow cities to increase bonding capacity from six percent to 20 percent. Vice Chair Dolan thanked Mr. Clark for his report and for keeping the Committee updated throughout the legislative session.

10. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Mr. Smith announced that the Regional Transportation Plan had received the Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration National Transportation Planning Excellence Award for Leadership. Mr. Smith noted that he accepted the award at a ceremony on July 9, 2006. Mr. Smith acknowledged the contributions of the member agencies and the community

working together on the Plan and great public outreach to get a unanimous vote on the Plan. Vice Chair Dolan commented that Mr. Smith's leadership helped to get that support.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary